

TRIBUTE TO OFFICER MICHAEL
CRAIN

HON. MARK TAKANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 15, 2013

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Congressman KEN CALVERT, to ask that the House of Representatives join me in honoring and remembering Officer Michael Crain of the Riverside Police Department, who died in service of our community.

Born in Anaheim, California, Officer Crain was raised in the Riverside area. After attending Crafton Hills College in Yucaipa for a year, Michael joined the United States Marine Corps as a rifleman in the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, 3rd Battalion 1st Marines. He served two deployments in Kuwait and was promoted from Squad Leader to Sergeant. He was then stationed in Camp Pendleton where he taught Military Operations in Urban Terrain. For his brave service, Michael was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with one star, a Certificate of Commendation, and the Rifle Marksmanship Badge.

After his honorable discharge, Crain attended the Riverside County Sheriff's Academy and, upon graduating, joined the Riverside Police Department, where he served our community for 11 years.

On February 7, 2013, Officer Crain was fatally shot in an apparent ambush by former LAPD Officer Christopher Dörner while he was on routine patrol and parked at a stoplight with a trainee officer. It is disheartening that a man who fought bravely for our country overseas has lost his life in such a senseless act of violence in his own community.

Officer Crain is survived by his wife Regina, ten-year-old son Ian and four-year-old daughter Kaitlyn. We send our thoughts and prayers to his family and friends and urge our community, and the entire nation, to forever remember Officer Michael Crain.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, on February 14, 2013, I missed one recorded vote on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall 42.

A TRIBUTE TO MONTROSE'S 100TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 15, 2013

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the community of Montrose, California upon its 100th Anniversary. For over a century, this extraordinary community has grown and thrived as the center of local commerce for residents of the Crescenta-Canada Valley.

Montrose, literally meaning "pink mountain" in French, was named by French sailors enamored with the beautiful pink mountains that they could see from sea. The area was first inhabited by the Gabrielino-Tongva Indians and later settled by Don Jose Maria Verdugo who was awarded the land by the Spanish Crown. In 1913, the Holmes Watson real estate agency hosted an enormous barbeque to promote the new town of Montrose with the intention of garnering interest in the 300 acres of land available for auction. This is when the subdivision of Montrose took place. For the past century, Montrose has prospered, overcoming setbacks such as the flood of 1934. Recently, multiple bear sightings in the backyards of residents have brought Montrose to the public's attention.

Montrose Avenue was built as the main business district of the community and touted as the widest road in Los Angeles County. Although this plan never came to fruition, nearby Honolulu Avenue became the economic center of Montrose and in 1967 the Montrose Shopping Park opened. To this day Montrose has flourished with nearly 200 independently owned businesses; some of which include apparel, art, dance studios, restaurants, and bakeries.

Montrose has a diverse population of residents nestled in the beautiful San Gabriel Mountains and within a minute's drive of downtown Los Angeles. Every year, residents enjoy annual events such as the Montrose Christmas Parade, an Arts and Crafts Festival, and ceremonies honoring our veterans.

I am honored to recognize Montrose, with its rich cultural history and flourishing community and ask all Members to join us in congratulating Montrose upon its 100th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO BRADLEY BAUDLER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor Bradley Baudler, an 18-year-old 4-H'er of Fontanelle, Iowa, who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in his community from the 2013 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is our country's largest youth recognition program based entirely on volunteer community service. The program was created in conjunction with Prudential and the National Association of Secondary School Principals to honor middle and high school students for outstanding service to benefit others at the local, state, and national level. Since 1995, more than 345,000 American youths have participated in this excellent program.

Bradley was recently selected as one of Iowa's four distinguished finalists for creating a weeklong camp for 4th and 5th graders. Mr. Baudler's camp, "Brains and Basketball", consists of 14 teen mentors teaching science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) lessons while mixing in basketball drills and techniques. Bradley's goal for the camp is to bolster young students' interest in STEM subjects through the popularity of athletics.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mr. Baudler for his sincere dedication to positively impacting the lives of others in his community and beyond. Bradley's commitment to a cause greater than himself is a testament to the high-quality character and unwavering work ethic instilled in Iowans both young and old. Our future is bright with young people like Bradley, and it is an honor to represent him and his family in the United States Congress. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Bradley, thanking his supportive family, and thanking all of those involved in this wonderful project for their life-changing efforts.

HONORING DR. BEVERLY
MITCHELL-BROOKS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Beverly Mitchell-Brooks, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Urban League of Greater Dallas and North Central Texas. Dr. Mitchell-Brooks, a native born Texan from South Dallas, is the first woman to lead the Dallas Urban League since its founding in 1967.

Dr. Mitchell-Brooks has proudly served as Dallas Urban League President and CEO since 1990, and has helped the Dallas Urban League to achieve its prominence. Under Dr. Mitchell-Brooks' leadership, the Dallas Urban League has grown to serve more than 60,000 clients by providing comprehensive employment training, housing and education services, and specialized ex-offender re-entry programs to low and middle income families throughout Dallas County. The Dallas Urban League has been praised for its remarkable success in implementing these programs, and has been the recipient of numerous federal grants in recognition of their successes.

Dr. Mitchell-Brooks is also widely recognized for her diverse achievements outside of her work with the Dallas Urban League. Dr. Mitchell-Brooks, in her capacity as an environmental specialist for the EPA and the City of Dallas, was charged with analyzing lead contamination in West Dallas, and consequently contributed to the closing of hazardous smelters in that area. She also served as Director of Public Affairs for the Dallas Area Rapid Transit, DART, system, where she expanded access to public transportation for working families by establishing the first crosstown bus route to Oak Cliff.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Mitchell-Brooks deserves great recognition for her endless efforts to empower members of the Dallas community. Dr. Mitchell-Brooks has demonstrated leadership in bringing community-oriented services to Dallas, and in making those services accessible to individuals of all backgrounds. She has devoted her life working to improve the quality of life for countless individuals, and I join with my constituents in expressing my incredible gratitude and appreciation for all that Dr. Mitchell-Brooks has done for Dallas, and the great State of Texas.